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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 02 August 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-20 are presented for examination.
2. It is noted that although the present application does contain line numbers in the specification and claims, the line numbers in the claims do not correspond to the preferred format. The preferred format is to number each line of every claim, with each claim beginning with line 1. For ease of reference by both the examiner and Applicant all future correspondence should include the recommended line numbering.
3. The disclosure is objected to because it contains an embedded hyperlink and/or other form of browser-executable code. Applicant is required to delete the embedded hyperlink and/or other form of browser-executable code (e.g. see. Page 3, line 14). See MPEP § 608.01.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

4. Claims 12-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

A. The claim language in the following claims is not clearly understood:

i. As to claim 12, it is not clearly understand what is meant by “ the resources and forwards the tasks ... by the resources to the” (i.e. the sentence is not completed).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Phillips (U.S. Patent 6,748,195 B1).
6. As to claims 1 and 12, Phillips teaches the invention substantially as claimed including: a method for generating a virtual device comprising a plurality of wireless devices comprising a limited range communications apparatus (col. 2, lines 56-61; 12, 14, Fig. 1; col. 3, lines 20-23), the method comprising the steps of:

When a first wireless device is within the limited range of a second wireless device (col. 3, lines 20-23), each wireless device determining if the other wireless device comprise a sharable resource (col.2, lines 3-6);

If at least one of the first or second wireless devices comprise a sharable resource (col.2, lines 3-6), the first and second wireless devices forming a wireless network such that the sharable resource is used by the other wireless device when an event requiring the sharable resource is used by the other wireless device when an event requiring the sharable resource is received by the wireless network (col. 2, lines 24-26; col. 3, lines 10-16; col. 5, lines 35-47; col. 7, lines 18-20 and lines 46-47).

7. Phillips does not explicitly teach the step of determining if the other wireless devices comprise a sharable resource. However, Phillips teaches that wireless device change its operation behavior relative to sharing resources (abstract, lines 9-11; col. 2, lines 3-6). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made that in fact Phillips's system can determine if the other wireless devices comprise a sharable resource in order to change the device's behavior

8. As to claim 5, it rejected as the same reason for claims 1 and 12. In addition, Phillips teaches each of the plurality of wireless devices that comprise the wireless distributed network (col. 3, lines 20-29), storing identification and shared resource information regarding the other wireless devices of the wireless distributed network (col. 2, line 56- col. 3, line 9; col. 5, lines 37-46).

9. As to claim 8, it reject for same reason as claims 1 and 12. In addition,

Phillips teaches:

Generating a decision comprising an identification of each of the plurality of wireless devices and their corresponding shared resource (col. 2, lines 56-61; col. 8, lines 49-53);

A first wireless device of the plurality of wireless devices generating an event that requires a shared resource (col. 4, lines 61-65);

Consulting the decision matrix to determine which shared resources to utilize (col. 5, lines 14-18; col. 7, line 60-col. 8, line 2);

If the shared resource is not available, indicating the unavailability of the shared resource (col. 5, lines 25-34); and

If the shared resource is available, the first wireless device transferring event data to the shared resource in response to the identification of the wireless device having the shared resource (col. 3, lines 10-18; col. 5, lines 38-40).

10. As to claim 15, it is rejected for the same reason as claims 1 and 12. In addition, Phillips teaches:

The personal wireless device and the public information database forming a network (col. 4, lines 46-48; 12 and 27 Fig. 1);

The personal wireless device requesting the an information transfer from the public information database (col. 5, lines 15-18 and lines 38-40); and

The public information database transferring the requested information to the personal wireless device (col. 5, lines 36-42).

11. As to claim 18, it is rejected for the same reason as claims 1 and 12. In addition, Phillips teaches the master wireless device saving the identification information and shared resource information regarding the first wireless device of the wireless (col. 6, lines 11-15 and lines 43-48; col. 7, lines 21-27).

12. As to claim 20, it is rejected for the same reason as claims 1, 12 and 18. In addition, Phillips teaches the second wireless device acting as a repeater for the first wireless device such that the first wireless device communicates with the other plurality of wireless devices through the second wireless device (col. 3, lines 20-28).

13. As to claim 2, Phillips teaches the sharable resources comprise at least one of: a display, a modem, a global positioning satellite receiver, processing time, and memory (col. 1, lines 32-33).

14. As to claim 3, Phillips teaches:

The first wireless device storing information comprising identification information regarding the second wireless device and information regarding the sharable resource (col. 6, lines 11-31; col. 7, lines 22-27);

15. The second wireless device storing information comprising identification information regarding the first wireless device and information comprising identification information regarding the first wireless device and information regarding the sharable resource (col.7, lines 22-27; col. 6, lines 11-31).

16. As to claim 4, Phillips teaches the identification information comprise unique identification assigned to each wireless device (col. 2, lines 59-63).

17. As to claims 6 and 13-14, Phillips teaches the unique device identification comprise Bluetooth-compliant identification information (col. 3, lines 25-35).

18. As to claim 7, Phillips teaches determining if the first wireless device is a private device (col. 1, lines 20-25; col. 2, lines 59-63).

19. As to claim 9, Phillips teaches the resources comprise at least one of a display, a communication device, and processing time (col. 3, lines 5-9).

20. As to claim 10, Phillips teaches the first wireless device generating the event comprise the first wireless device receiving a file for display utilizing the shared resource of the wireless device having the resource (col. 5, lines 37-38; col. 7, lines 18-30).

21. As to claims 11 and 19, Phillips teaches the step of if the shared resource is no available, updating the decision matrix to indicate the unavailability of the shared resource (col. 5, lines 25-34).

22. As to claim 16, Phillips teaches the personal wireless device forming a network with other personal wireless devices in order to share the transfer information (col. 3, lines 10-23; col.7, lines 18-27).

23. As to claim 17, Phillips teaches the public information database comprise a local public telephone directory and the transferred information comprise a local telephone number (col. 1, lines 20-25).

Conclusion

24. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Camquy Truong whose telephone number is (571) 272-3773. The examiner can normally be reached on 8AM – 5PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Meng-Ai An can be reached on 571-272-3756. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-3756.

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